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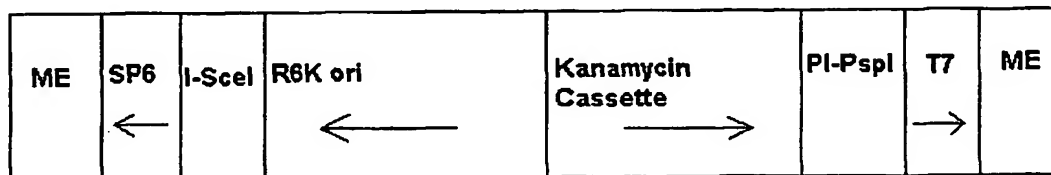
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(57) Abstract: A transposon which comprises an RNA polymerase recognition site and a homing endonuclease recognition site. The transposon may be used in methods for the identification of an essential gene or a conditional essential gene of an organism. Genes identified in such methods are useful as substrates for use in screening for antibacterials, antiparasitics, fungicides, pesticides and herbicides.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>N.84806B GCW</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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Applicant  <b>ARROW THERAPEUTICS LIMITED</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	MAHILLON J ET AL: "New ultrarare restriction site-carrying transposons for bacterial genomics" GENE: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ON GENES AND GENOMES, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, BARKING, GB, vol. 187, no. 2, 18 March 1997 (1997-03-18), pages 273-279, XP004093291 ISSN: 0378-1119	1-4
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	SASSETTI CHRISTOPHER M ET AL: "Comprehensive identification of conditionally essential genes in mycobacteria." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES, vol. 98, no. 22, 23 October 2001 (2001-10-23), pages 12712-12717, XP002241459 October 23, 2001 ISSN: 0027-8424	12-21, 23-28, 40-47
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A	GORYSHIN I Y ET AL: "INSERTIONAL TRANSPOSON MUTAGENESIS BY ELECTROPORATION OF RELEASED TN5 TRANSPOSITION COMPLEXES" NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY, NATURE PUBLISHING, US, vol. 18, no. 1, January 2000 (2000-01), pages 97-100, XP000874790 ISSN: 1087-0156	
A	JUDSON N ET AL: "TRANSPOSON-BASED APPROACHES TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL BACTERIAL GENES" TRENDS IN MICROBIOLOGY, ELSEVIER SCIENCE LTD., KIDLINGTON, GB, vol. 8, no. 11, November 2000 (2000-11), pages 521-526, XP001041595 ISSN: 0966-842X	
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A	<p data-bbox="345 247 984 577">AKERLEY BRIAN J ET AL: "A genome-scale analysis for identification of genes required for growth or survival of Haemophilus influenzae." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES, vol. 99, no. 2, 22 January 2002 (2002-01-22), pages 966-971, XP002242016 <a href="http://www.pnas.org">http://www.pnas.org</a> January 22, 2002 ISSN: 0027-8424</p> <p data-bbox="654 590 735 600">-----</p>	

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 29-39

Present claims 29-39 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely the ability to act as an inhibitor of an essential gene identified by the method of claims 12-26. The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for no new inhibitors apart from standard antibiotics used to propagate the strains of the examples. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claims 29-39.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/GB 03/00918**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 29-39  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.